

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 4th July 2025



DEDICATION



Our Core Christian Values

School Hours

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am for all children.

The school day finishes at 3.25pm for all children.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Harrison** in **Topaz**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	47
Shaw	17
Tabrums	79
Marsh	83



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Bethan

Emerald – Connor

Amber – Charlie T

Ruby – Felix

Topaz – Mya-Mae

As we are now recognised as a kindness school we are sent a certificate every term to award to a pupil who has demonstrated an outstanding act of kindness. Staff are always looking for children who have demonstrated kindness in school. We now have kindness stickers to acknowledge this. **If you want to nominate a child, whether it be your own or another child in the school, for an outstanding kindness award for an act of kindness outside of school then please email the office.** Senior leaders of the school will then consider all nominations before awarding the certificate at the end of the term.

Class Summary

Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into Humite class.

Humite Class Summary

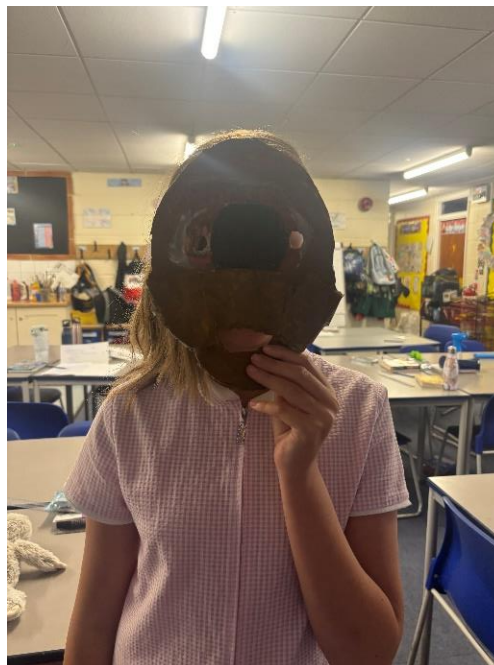
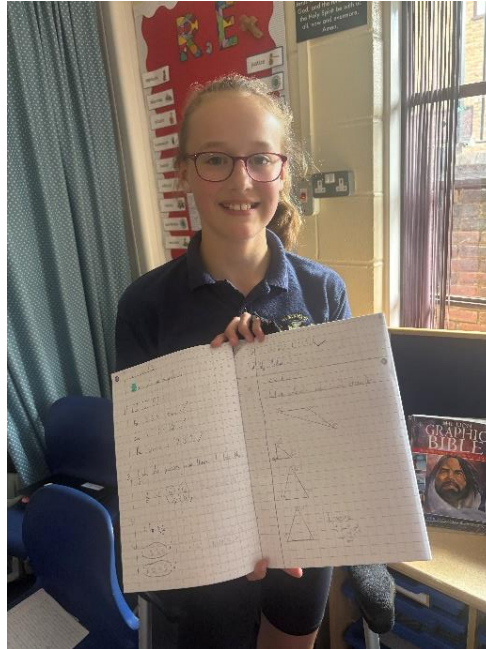
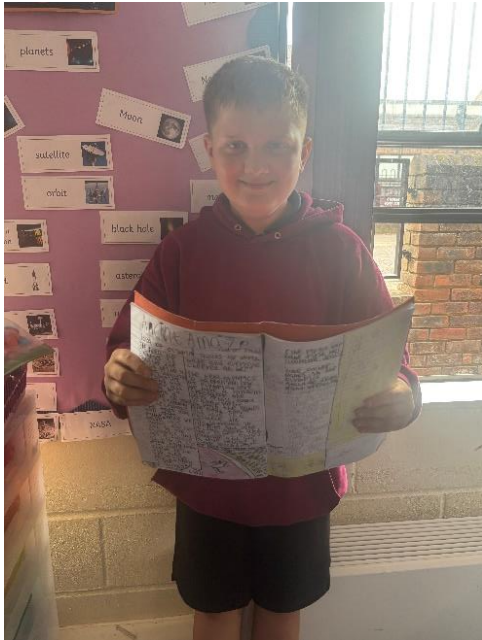
This week has been full of energy, creativity and excellent teamwork in Humite class.

Children completed and evaluated their Ancient Greek theatre masks, bringing together their learning from both History and Art. After weeks of designing, constructing and decorating, the finished masks were full of character and creativity. Children reflected thoughtfully on their work, discussing what went well, what challenged them, and how theatre was used in Ancient Greece to entertain and honour the gods.

In science, we worked on a group project all about space. Each group researched a different area, including the solar system, space exploration and the growing issue of space junk. They worked collaboratively to create informative and engaging presentations, which they confidently shared with the class.

In maths, children focused on identifying and calculating angles in triangles and quadrilaterals. They used key rules, such as the angles in a triangle adding up to 180 degrees and the angles in a quadrilateral adding up to 360 degrees, to solve increasingly complex problems. Children also applied reasoning skills to explain how they reached their answers and worked systematically when tackling multi-step challenges. It was fantastic to see their growing confidence and accuracy in this area.

In English, we became journalists and wrote newspaper reports about the Ancient Greek Olympic Games. Children focused on using the correct structure, including headlines, introductions, and direct speech. They worked hard to adopt a formal tone, include relevant historical detail, and use time connectives to order events clearly. We discussed how journalists grab the reader's attention and how to write with purpose and clarity. The final pieces were well-written, informative and full of personality.





Topaz Sea Life Adventure

On Wednesday, Topaz class visited Southend as part of their topic 'Beside the seaside'. To begin with, the children visited 'Sea Life Adventure' and had to use their amazing observational skills to complete a wildlife treasure hunt. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic they were in finding a vast array of weird and wonderful creatures, including Tiger Sharks, Porcupine Pufferfish, Red Bellied Piranha, Honeycomb Moray Eels, African Spurred Tortoises, Banana Wrasse Fish and Humbolt Penguins, to name but a few! The children also listened carefully to facts about each one, such as where they lived, what they ate and if they were a threatened or endangered species.

One of the highlights of the experience was the underwater tunnel. The children especially loved watching the Cownose Stingray and the Leopard Sharks swim overhead and counting all the different variety of fish.

After our underwater adventure, we braved the rain showers and headed to the beach. The children had a brilliant time building sandcastles, looking in detail at the seaweed, rocks and stones, playing catch and collecting an impressive number of shells! It was lovely to hear them talk about how much fun they were having and to see their big smiles as they played.

I was exceptionally proud of all of the children, their behaviour throughout the day was outstanding and they were a real credit to our school. Our coach driver remarked on their lovely manners and said they were the nicest class he had ever met. Well done Topaz class, you are all stars!

Thank you to our wonderful governors Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Quare for joining us on this trip. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to all the children, it was a pleasure to spend the day with you!

Mrs. Allan











Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96%**. Whole school attendance is **93.65%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone or via Studybugs stating the reason for your child's absence. **We do not accept emails for reporting absence.** Thank you.

Get the app or register now <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please also be aware that if you plan on taking your child out of school then a leave of absence form must be completed or a copy of the appointment letter must be shown prior to the absence.

Please be reminded that absences need to be reported daily. Therefore if your child is off for more than one day, updates must be provided to the school via Studybugs or voicemail.

In August 2024 the Department for Education issued "Working together to improve school attendance" which is statutory guidance that as a school we must follow. From the 2024/25 academic year schools now have a responsibility to submit a sickness return to the local authority for any child who will miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively because of sickness.

We will be rewarding attendance every half term this year. A class receives the attendance cup each week. The class that receives the cup the greatest number of times will receive a treat in the last week of that half term.

Lateness

We are seeing quite a few latecomers each morning, arriving via the office. Please be reminded that the gates close at **08:55** for all children. Any child arriving after this time through the office will be given a late mark and you may be called in to discuss this. All late arrivals must give a satisfactory reason.

General Reminders

Lost Property

We currently have a lot of unnamed items in our lost property box. If your child has lost anything this term please take a look through the box to see if it is there, **the box is located under the shelter in the playground. We will be destroying/recycling any unclaimed items at the end of the term.**

Year 6 - Ties

If any of our leavers would like to donate their ties this year, we would be most grateful for some spares in the office. Thank you in advance.

Nominate our School

National Book Tokens are offering five schools the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** and fill their shelves with new books, as well as **£300 in cash** to create a fun and welcoming library space for all!

Nominate our school and if ours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a **£100 National Book Tokens gift card** to spend in your favourite bookshop.



Please follow this link to nominate TSM:

<https://newsletters.booktokens.co.uk/c/1qxqIBRFh52hSKEwyFCnoYSOt>

Earrings

As the summer holidays are nearing closer, parents are encouraged to actively work with TSM in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum when we return. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time (note newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed).

We are following national guidelines and children who do wear earrings to school on PE days will be expected to remove them by themselves. Staff are unable to help with this and we are not allowed to tape over earrings for P.E. lessons.

Thank you for your support with this policy, the expectation will be there will be no children returning with newly pierced ears.

Arbor Parent Portal

This week we have released Parent Portal for Arbor, thank you to those parents who have signed up already. If you haven't already done so we would urge you to do this as soon as possible in preparation for September. In September we will stop using ParentPay and Parents Booking and the booking of trips, clubs and parent consultations will be done through the Parent Portal. If the school doesn't currently hold an email address for you please do provide us with one as soon as possible so that we can give you access to the portal.

Letters Emailed Home

Welcome to Arbor!

School Reports

RotaKids & Eco Committee Community Litter Pick

Amber WDF Multi Skills Festival

KS1 SATS Reports

Collective Worship

This week's Collective Worship focus is from Genesis 1: 1-31. The creation story is the first story in the bible and explains how God created the world in seven days. We have listened to Miss Hoy tell us the creation story and also watched a video retelling the creation story.

The creation story tells us what God created each day; the first day there was light, on the second God created the sky, on the third day he created land and on the fourth day he added sun, moon and stars to the sky. On the fifth day God created animals and on the sixth day he added humans onto the planet to look after his creation. He rested on the seventh day.

We reflected on what the creation story means to us, God created this wonderful world for us and we must protect it. We discussed steps we could take in order to look after our world such as - recycling, not cutting down forests, looking after the animals and bringing everyone together.

Headteacher Summary



It was wonderful to hear from adults and children all about the class trip Topaz took to the Sealife Adventure Centre. Mrs Allan told me straight away how well behaved the children were and that the coach driver and members of the public commented on this also.

Today we had a Summer Reading Assembly led by Helen from the South Woodham Ferrers library. This year's summer challenge is called Story Garden. It starts on the 12th July 2025 and finishes on 6th September 2025.



This afternoon our school leavers enjoyed their first 'Year 6 Park Fun' session. I hope the children have all enjoyed the afternoon playing and a visit from the ice cream van.



This week, William and Laurel joined me on a kindness zoom call with 52lives and nine other schools. This is the last meeting of the year which celebrated all the good work that schools around the country have been doing to promote kindness.

Annual reports were given out earlier in the week. Please arrange a meeting with the class teacher to discuss the report if you feel that this is needed. If you would like to write feedback about reports in an email then please do so to admin.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 2025

Please find a list of our key dates below. The list will constantly be updated throughout the school year, so please keep an eye out for any changes. Further information will also be sent home, as usual, closer to the dates if needed.

Summer Term	
8 th July 2025	Amber WDF Multi Skills Festival
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
9 th July 2025	New to Reception Settling in Session
10 th July 2025	Year 5 WDF Taster Day
11 th July 2025	Year 6 Film Treat
14 th July 2025	Class Transition Session
15 th July 2025	Rocksteady Music Summer Concert
16 th July 2025	Class Transition Session
17 th July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
17 th July 2025	RotaKids & Eco Committee Litter Pick
18 th July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 rd July 2025	Summer Holidays



Barleylands Tickets

Barleylands have lots of Foamy Summer Fun planned throughout the summer holidays and now have an amazing outdoor play area.

FOTSMS sell tickets for £12.50 each which is a huge saving on the gate prices.

Contact Marie Knight or our Facebook page for more details [FOTSMS \(Friends of Trinity St Mary's School\) | Facebook](#)



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

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has made the world a better place by being a **Kindness Ambassador School 2024-25**
as part of the School of Kindness programme.

Your pupils have been a great role model to others, worked as a team and
helped to spread kindness in your school and community.

We appreciate you!

Jaime Thurston
CEO and Founder



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